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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the formation of a Military and Veterans Advisory Committee. Kansas leaders with expertise in military and veteran issues will serve on the Committee and advise Moran on issues affecting service members, veterans, Kansas military installations and communities.

"I formed this Committee to help our state's military and veterans' interests have a strong voice in Washington," Moran said. "Our military and veterans have always been a top priority for me and military installations are important to the Kansas economy. Kansas faces many challenges and opportunities, from the possible transfer of Guantanamo detainees to Ft. Leavenworth, to the continued growth at Ft. Riley, and to ensuring that service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan receive the care they need and deserve. I appreciate the guidance of these leaders in assisting me to address these important issues."

The following Kansas military and veteran leaders will serve on Moran's Committee:

- Robert Arter, Lansing. Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (retired). Arter served as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

- Rhonda Edens, Benton. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (retired). Edens supported veterans for over 30 years at the Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita.

- Mark Edwards, Junction City. Edwards served as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

- Tom Fryer, Manhattan. Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired).

- Gene Heiman, Garden City. Korean War Veteran, U.S. Army. Heiman served as a past State Commander of the American Legion.

- Richard F. Keller, Leavenworth. Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (retired). Keller is the outgoing President of the Military Officers Association for Kansas (MOAA).

- Gary LaGrange, Manhattan. Colonel, U.S. Army (retired). LaGrange is the President of the Military Officers Association for Kansas (MOAA) and Coordinator for Help us Learn...Give us Hope.

- Richard B. Myers. General, U.S. Air Force (retired). Prior to his retirement, General Myers was our nation's highest-ranking military officer serving as the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Myers joined the Air Force in 1965 through the ROTC program at Kansas State University.

- Robert R. Ulin, Lansing. Colonel, U.S. Army (retired). Ulin is the Co-Founder and CEO of the Command and General Staff College Foundation, Inc.

- Dave Warnken, Hutchinson. Navy Seabees May 1966-Feb 1972. Warnken is currently serving on the Kansas Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee and as a National Executive Committeeman of Kansas for the American Legion. He is a Past State Commander of the American Legion and is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Moran is a senior member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

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